(*b*) is it not the policy of Government to fall in line with the Government of India in the matter of Legislation;

(*c*) if the answer is in the affirmative, is there any special reason why in this matter alone the Government have not followed the Government of India;

(*d*) are there any special reasons why Government think that it is necessary to continue these measures here;

(*e*) if so, what are they;

(*f*) is it not a fact that the establishment sanctioned for this purpose can be retrenched if it is withdrawn?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The policy of this Government is to take whatever steps necessary to safeguard the interests of the public at large.

(c), (*d*) and (e) The Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Proclamation has already been repealed and the Consumer Goods (Control of Distribution) Order withdrawn with effect from 1st December 1946.

(*f*) Yes, as far as possible.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS IN SCHOOLS

304. Mrs. K. M. R. Menon *(Trichur-Women):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many doctors are there at present for medical examinations in schools;

(*b*) are there women doctors for girls' schools and men for boys' schools;

(*c*) are the students being examined by doctors once in every year;

(*d*) is it the custom to keep record of weight, height and general health of each student in report cards; if the answer is negative to this question will the Government take immediate steps to promote this habit in schools?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):*

(*a*) 3.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Students in most of the schools are examined once in a year.

(*d*) Yes. The weight, height and general health of each student are recorded in the inspection schedules. Report cards are given only to defective students and the diseases they suffer from are noted in the report cards.

TIMBER FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS

305. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are Government aware of the fact that agriculturists find it hard to get timber for the manufacture of their implements;

(*b*) have Government found it necessary to make any arrangement especially intended to help the agriculturists in this respect;

(*c*) if so, what is the arrangement that has been made?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue):*

(*a*) Government are aware that under existing conditions of labour, transport, costs, etc., there is some difficulty.

(*b*) Yes. Government propose to sell rough-hewn timber for agricultural implements at nominal rates in the several firewood depots, Sub-range offices and tanahs.

(*c*) The cost of one set of materials for a plough would be about Re. 1 and the scheme would be brought into force immediately.

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